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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Chester Arthur Swopes of North Chicago, who recently passed away; and

WHEREAS, Chester Swopes was born on May 30, 1930 in Pea Ridge, Arkansas; his parents were Ernest and Annie Belle Swopes; he married Mary Williams in June of 1992; and

WHEREAS, He accepted Christ at an early age while attending Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; he joined the Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church in North Chicago, and served as the Treasurer, on the Deacon Board, and the Usher Board as a member and an officer for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, He served as 5th Ward Alderman in North Chicago for 15 years; he was also active with the PTA and school activities, serving as the PTA President; and

WHEREAS, Chester Swopes enjoyed traveling, golfing, and meeting new people; he was a great storyteller, had a good sense of humor, and was considered loyal; and

WHEREAS, Chester Swopes is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Leotis "Joe" Swopes and wife, Polpy; Louise Harris and husband, Willie; Alice Swopes-Sherrod; Ernest Swopes, Carl Swopes, Bruce Swopes, Aaron Swopes, and Diane and her husband, Mark; his siblings, Annie Lee Hudson and her husband, Leroy, Herman Swopes and his wife, Barbara, Merseal Bankston, Lepoleon Swopes, Marjorie Kurkendall, Alberta Neal, and Sherman Swopes and his wife, Jean; his 24 grandchildren; his 12 great-grandchildren; his godchildren, Ashton Hughes and Tayler Survillion; his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we again send our
3 sympathies to the family and friends of Chester Swopes; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Chester Swopes.